

U. S. Rubber OKs Pact to Operate Ordnance Works

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Washington, Jan. 19.—(Copley Press Leased Wire)—The army ordnance department today announced a contract for the operation of the Kankakee ordnance works unit of the Joliet Arsenal had been signed with the U. S. Rubber company.

The KOW division was reactivated last September for the production of ammunition, which is expected to be stepped up as soon as U. S. Rubber formally takes over operations. An undetermined number of new workers will be added, ordnance reported.

Until the nation began to rearm following the outbreak of war in Korea KOW had been engaged in one phase of the manufacture of fertilizer for export to Marshall plan countries abroad under the supervision of duPont, which built the plant in 1942.